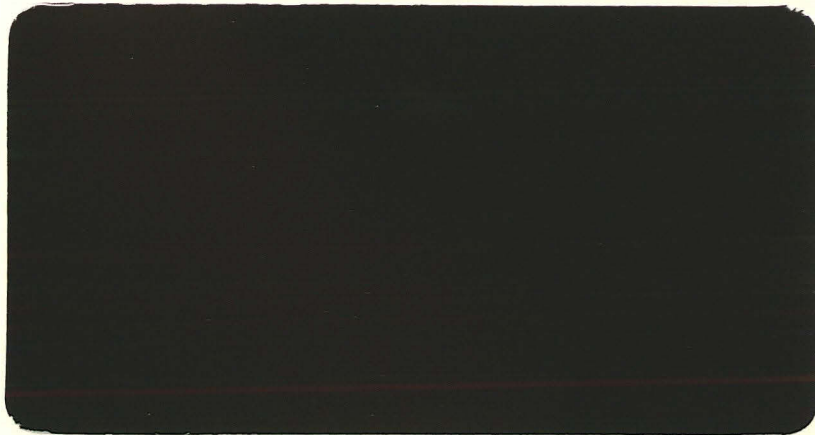


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Summery

- * *A watching brief was carried out during groundworks for the construction of four bungalows, garages and associated access on land north of Barlings Close, Scotter, Lincolnshire.*
- * *Two areas of the site were monitored and found to be archaeologically sterile: The project was then terminated with the permission of the Assistant County Archaeologist.*
- * *No finds or features of any period were recovered.*



Fig. 1 1: 10,000 map showing the location of the Area of Development.
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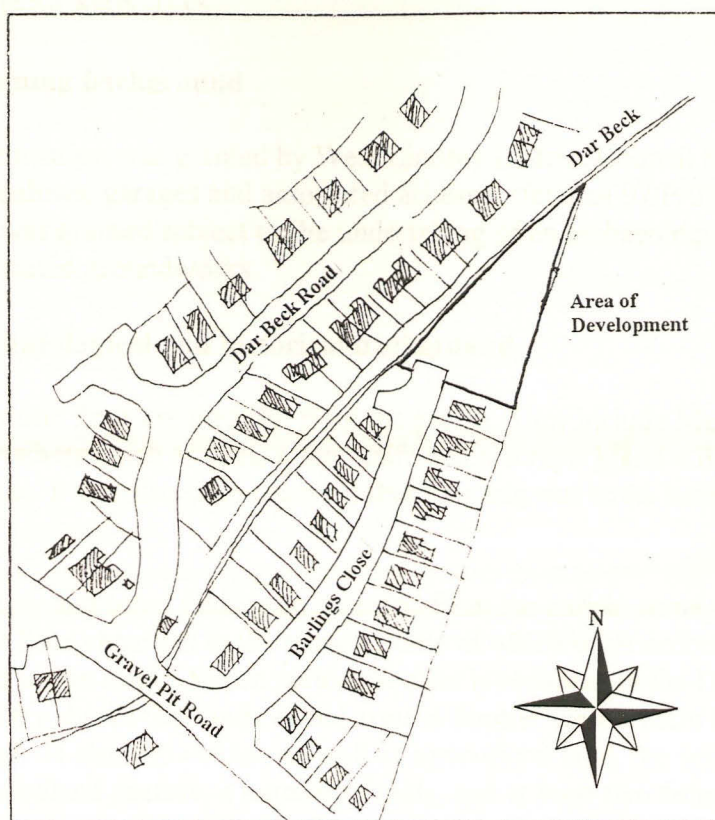


Fig. 2 Plan showing Area of Development in relation to Barlings Close.
Scale 1:2500

1.0 Introduction

An archaeological watching brief was commissioned by Swaby Developments Ltd. to fulfil a planning requirement associated with the construction of four bungalows, garages and associated access. The brief was carried out in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section publication *Standard Brief for Archaeological Projects in Lincolnshire*.

2.0 Location and description

Scotter lies in the extreme north-west corner of Lincolnshire, approximately 26km north-north-west of Lincoln in the administrative district of West Lindsey. It is a large, busy village located mid-way between the Lincoln Cliff and the Trent.

The parish lies between the rivers Eau and Trent and is composed of the north end of Hardwick Hill and mixed low lying lands. In addition to Scotter the parish also contains the settlements of Scotterthorpe, Susworth and Cote Houses.

The site of development is on the extreme north-east edge of the village, immediately north of the terminal end of Barlings Close. It comprises of a triangular unit with

modern housing to the west and open fields to the north and east. The grid reference for the site is SE 8905 0135.

3.0 Planning background

Planning permission was granted by West Lindsey District Council for the construction of four bungalows, garages and associated access (reference 97/P/0713). The permission was granted subject to the undertaking of an archaeological watching brief during associated groundworks.

4.0 Archaeological and historical background

Early prehistoric finds are plentiful from the parish. They include Mesolithic flints, Neolithic artefacts (such as axes, a flint knife and a scraper), and a Bronze Age looped Palstave (axe). It has also been reported that two dug-out boats have a provenance in the parish.

Roman pottery and other finds been reported from the parish, some close to Scotter. Burials have been recorded in the village, some of which were accompanied by grave goods dated to the Anglo-Saxon period. Scotter is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086, the entry shows that lands in and around Scotter were owned by St. Peter's of Peterborough. It also shows that, as well as agricultural land, the settlement had meadow, woodland pasture, a number of mills, and at least two fisheries. The church of St. Peter in Scotter has Norman elements remaining, but also elements dating to the thirteenth century and the fourteenth to sixteenth centuries. It appears to have been renovated at some time in the eighteenth century. The village also contains an early eighteenth century house known as the Old Manor House.

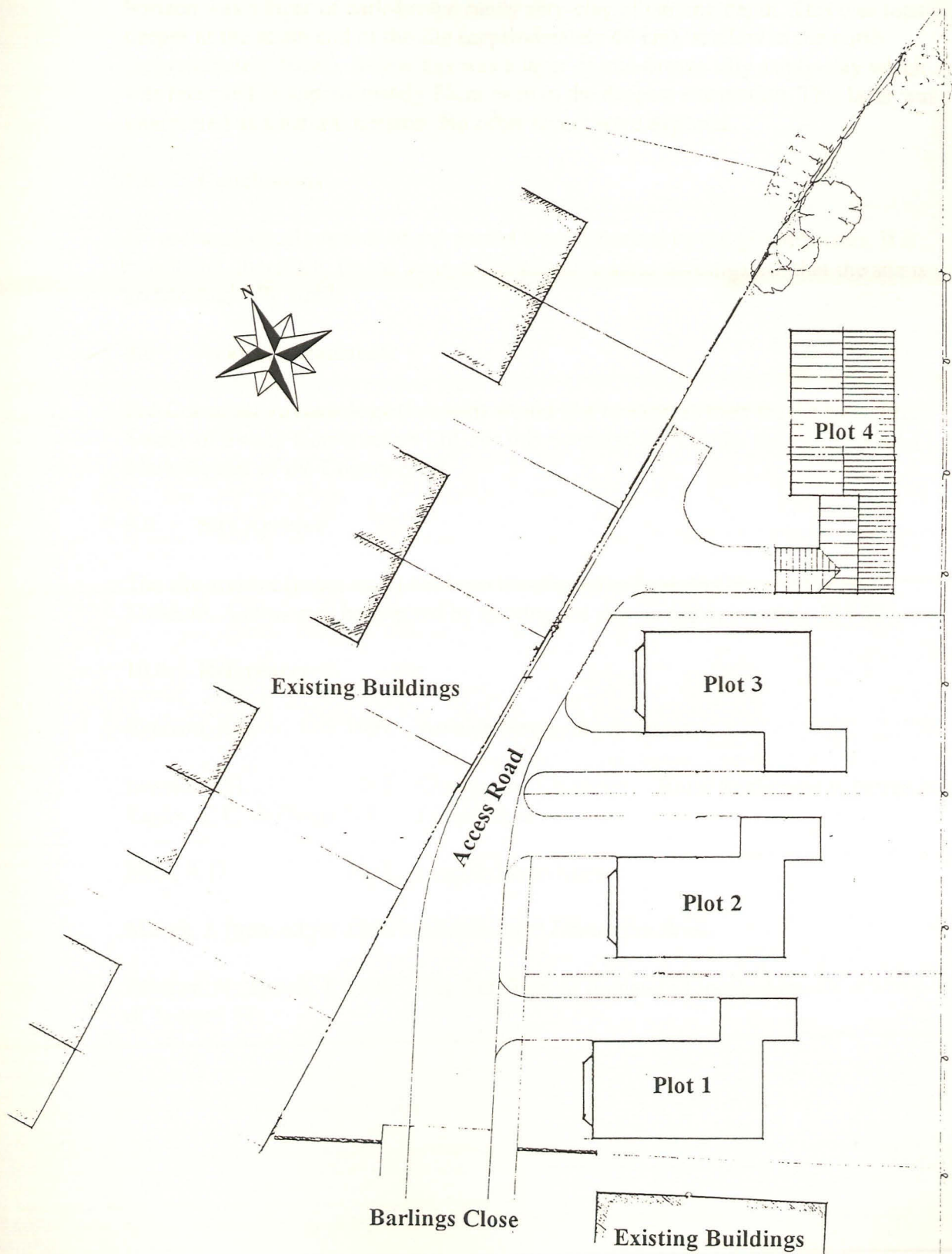
A search of the Sites and Monuments Records for Lincolnshire revealed eighty records relating to the parish. These included prehistoric enclosures, the sites of medieval structures such as manors and market places, and a number of undated earthworks and cropmarks. One record of particular significance is PRN 50062, a prehistoric flint knife found close to the development site, in the area of Dar Beck Road. (See Appendix 2 for a list of SMR entries)

5.0 Methodology

The watching brief was undertaken by the writer and Mr R Mouraille on the 12th October 1998 and 10th December 1998. The access road and its associated services and one of the bungalow footings (Plot 1) were monitored; after which the Assistant County Archaeologist was consulted. Agreed was reached to terminate the watching brief. (See Fig.3)

The fieldwork element of the project consisted of archaeological observation during a number excavations and a thorough inspection of all plan and section surfaces exposed as a result of certain groundworks. A record was made of all the soil horizons exposed. That record included scale drawing (where appropriate), colour photography, and written descriptions.

Fig. 3 Plan of the area of development, showing the location of the four proposed bungalows and the access road. Scale 1:400



6.0 Results

Only natural soil horizons were exposed during both visits to the site. The uppermost horizon was a layer of dark-brown sandy silty-clay of varying depth. This was topsoil; deeper at the south end of the site (approximately 40 cm), shallow in the north (approximately 10cm). Below this was a layer of mid-brown silty sandy-clay which was recorded as approximately 70cm deep in the deepest excavation. This layer was interpreted as a natural horizon. No other layers were exposed.

7.0 Conclusions

No archaeological remains of any period were disturbed by the groundworks. It is concluded, therefore, on the basis of the selective areas investigated, that the site is archaeologically sterile.

8.0 Acknowledgements

Pre-Construct Archaeology (Lincoln) would like to express their thanks to Andrew Swaby of Swaby Construction Ltd. for this commission. Thanks are also extended to Mark Bennet of the County SMR.

9.0 Site Archive

The site archive (paper only) has been transferred to Lincoln City and County Museum. Access may be granted by quoting the site accession number, 219.98.

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Appendix 1



P.1 General shot of the Area of Development prior to the commencement of groundworks, looking north.



P.2 General shot of the easement for the access road, looking north.



P.3 General shot of plot 1 during the excavation of the footing, looking south.



P.4 Detail of the south-east corner of the footing for plot 1, looking south.

Appendix 2 SMR entries for the parish of Scotter.

PRN	50042	NGR	SE	82490	01070
SITE NAME	"SCOTTON STONE" BOUNDARY STONE (SITE OF), SCOTTON.				
PRN	50049	NGR	SE	87320	00150
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PRN	50051	NGR	SE	88880	00740
SITE NAME	WATER MILL (SITE OF), SCOTTER				
PRN	50056	NGR	SE	85970	00680
SITE NAME	ROMAN POTTERY FROM SCOTTER				
PRN	50057	NGR	SE	87440	00800
SITE NAME	ROMAN COIN FROM SCOTTER				
PRN	50058	NGR	SE	85850	00650
SITE NAME	FLINT FLAKE FOUND SCOTTER				
PRN	50060	NGR	SE	85640	00310
SITE NAME	FLINTS FOUND IN SCOTTER				
PRN	50062	NGR	SE	89000	01320
SITE NAME	FLINT KNIFE FOUND IN SCOTTER				
PRN	50063	NGR	SE	88750	00810
SITE NAME	ST PETER'S CHURCH, SCOTTER				
PRN	50065	NGR	SE	88600	00900
SITE NAME	HUMAN BONES FOUND IN SCOTTER				
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SITE NAME	MEDIEVAL RECTORY (SITE OF) ,SCOTTER				
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SITE NAME	"TUDOR COTTAGE"				
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SITE NAME	POST MILL (SITE OF), SCOTTER				
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SITE NAME	TOWN WELL, SCOTTER				
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SITE NAME	MEDIEVAL JUG, SCOTTER				
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SITE NAME ROMAN COIN FOUND ON SOUTH HILLS FARM

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